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### LATEST NEWS FROM EUROPE. THE COMMONS HELD SPELLBOUND BY GLADSTONE'S ELOQUENCE.

Tory Lenders Overwhelmed by his Wealth of Argement and Investive-Gosshen's Dismal Failure to Answer the Grand Old Man-Winning Home Rule Battles at the Polit Squally Times Abend for Bul-garla's Prince-The Sultan Very Hard Up-Roor King Otto Nearing his End-The Next Buler of Bayarta Sullivan's Work rions, tress, by Tun Sun Printing and Publishing

LONDON, Feb. 18.—After dragging through weeks and months of dulness we have had at last one really great political day. Yesorday's sitting of the Commons was superlatre in almost every way. It was the greatest ting, and most elequent day that the House has witnessed for years. It was the most encouraging and triumphant of days for the Gladstonians and Parnellites, and it was a sed and a most uncomfortable sitting for the Tories and Mugwump Unionist Half Breeds. The Grand Old Man was at his very grandest. The House, floor, lobbies, and galleries were never more crowded. Irishmen and Liberats were never more enthusiastic or more wildly uproarious. It was particularly grand, and ther

in detail about all that was interesting. It is sad that there were no great artists and poets there with their tools to paint in words and colors the grand old godfather of home rule as he reduced to mineemeat the Tory speakers and their arguments. Balfour had nat spoken, and his speech was good consider ing that he is a man in whom impudence large ly takes the place of brains, and that the task which he had undertaken was that of proving black white, and that brutal, but ineffectual, coercion was mild. just, and successful legis lative reform. He attacked Mr. Gladstone with characteristic bad taste. He made rows of red Taced Tories back of him very happy, but it did

are not columns enough in a newspaper to tell

not last long. In five minutes the Grand Old Man had turned Balfour inside out and made the Tories feel very small and suddenly wonder what had become of Balfour's arguments. For nearly two hours and a half Mr. Gladstone spoke as he had not spoken for years. His speech fills elx columns, and every word is a nail in the Tory coffin, and a nail driven deep in a workmanilke manner. The fire and enthusiasm o the great old statesman were simply wonder ful His eyes flashed, his chest swelled out, he pummelled the opposition box with the force and fury of a man of 30, waved his arms about his head in haranguing the trusty followers be hind him, and rumpled his limited stock of white hair while pouring out a flood of elo-quence in his wonderfully effective voice until

he benches, full of Tories, cowered before him. There are always a few Tories, fresh from ning, with sufficient alcoholic courage to interrupt Harcourt, Parnell, or others of the op position, but the Grand Old Man is too much for them, and invariably produces the impres sion of a great, deep-toned old mastiff baying at a lot of awe-stricken, weak-legged pupples.

When Mr. Gladstone sat down, such a storm of applause burst out as has not been heard in be House for many a long year. Mr. Coleman, who has been in the press gallery for forty years, declared it to be the greatest political demonstration that had taken place in the Heuse within his memory. The Speaker, seeing that he would be entirely unable to control the enthusiasm of the House, wisely took himself and his curly wig off in search of his usual cho, and the delighted Home Bulers had eventhing their own way. Some stood on their seats and perseveringly yelled, while a big clowd rushed out upon the floor of the House and, crowding around the Grand Old Man in a semicircle, sheered for full five minutes. It was gall to the Tory members, who sat sullenly on their benches, and wormwood to the Tary peers, who gazed down from their callery, but to every one else it was exceed

ingly antistactory.

The enthusiasts in the strangers' gallery forgot themselves and joined in the cheering. forehead, staking hands, and nodding his head in every direction, with his face all the while wreathed in amiles. Now that his great speech was over, no child could have shown more plainly the pleasure which he derived from the delighted applause of his followers. During the course of Mr. Giadstone's speech it was noticed with grief by his friends that his eyesight, which has hitherto been wonderful, has begun seriously to fall him. He had apparent alty in reading his notes of statistics. &c. and had frequently to apply for aid to Harcour and Morley, who sat on either side of him. He had on one occasion to apologize to the Ministerialists for the delay caused by his defective everight, and it must be said to their credit that his explanation was received with sympathetic murmura

When Goschen arose just before midnight to attempt to answer Gladstone it was thought that the interesting part of the night was over, but the great event of the sitting was still t come. In the midst of his speech, which was a characteristic effort of that billous turncoat, Mr. Goschen indulged in a bitter personal attack on Gladstone. "He protends to have the people on his side and to enjoy their confi-dence." Goachen was saying. "but let him prove it. What evidence is there of it?" An answer came, but not from Gladstone

Throughout the day the polling for a Parlinmentary andidate had been going on at Southwark. At the last election the Liberal candidate had a majority of only 118, and Tories whose dense political stupidity prevents their seeing that they are losing ground, were confident of winning it. As Mr. Goschen put his question to Mr. Gladstone and turned triumphantly around to his cheering supportors, Arnold Morley came upon floor of the House and walked hurriedly up to the Grand Old Man, to whom he handed a telegrom. Mr. Gladstone read it, smiled, then chuckled aloud and handed it to his supporters with a triumphant look at yellow-faced Goschen, who evidently foresaw disaster. The telegram told that th Hadstonians had won at Southwark by 1,194 votes, more than ten times their former maority, and it is impossible to describe the ex-

Liberal ranks.

Goschen had to sit down while the Liberals exerted their lungs, and even the Grand Old Man pounded both feet on the floor and laughed and shock hands without end. The wind-up of Goschen's speech was a diamal fizzle, for Providence had evidently taken especial pains to bring about his confusion, and his expression of sorrow at the noisy conduct of the Liberals only caused these gentlemen, ably aided and abetted by the Parnellites, to express their glee more uproariously than ever. By and by, early in the morn-ing, came the division, which, in spite of the imprisonment of the Irish members, gave to the Government a majority smaller than they had hoped for, and the really grand and victo rious home rule day came to an end.

One of the striking features of the night which I have not mentioned was the unusua display of enthusiastic spirits by Parnell Unually taciturn and undemonstrative, the members were astounded to see him laughing excitedly and cheering as loudly as any at the close of the Grand Old Man's speech. In the lobby afterward his enthusiasm bad evidently grows under the influence of the good news from Southwark. He said to your corresmondent that Gladstone's speech was the finesthe had ever heard in the House of Commons. Who could doubt for a moment after that that Gladstone was with Ireland heart

and soul, or after the lesson taught by the re-sult of the Southwark election that the Grand Old Man would live to see the speedy triumph of the cause he had so ably advocated. Then Davitt came up, shook hands warmly with his one remaining hand, and went off with his chief to discuss the means for still further inreasing the Tory discomfort.

The Liberal majority at the general election of 888 was only 118, and the Tories were confident that they would easily wipe it out and re-turn their man. Now they look aghast at a Liberal majority of 1,194. If home rule is going to progress like this with leaps and bounds in London, the very hotbed of Toryism, the game of coercion is up. The victory was due to the Liberal voters who, in 1886, abstained from the polls, owing to indifference or hostility to home rule, and who are now returning to their allegiance to Mr. Gladstone. It must be remem-bered that the Tory-Unionist party polled only about 70,000 more votes than the Home Rulers in the general election in 1886, so that, after all, not much is required to reverse the verdic then given by the constituencies.

But much more than that is really being fone. The constituencies are surely returning to the frame of political mind in which they were in 1885. It cannot be too often and too emphatically repeated that the real gauge of the electoral prospects of home rule is the general election of 1885, which gave a Liberal majority of 168. Every bye-election, with one exception, that has been fought since 1886 has proved that the Liberal party has recovered from the disruptive shock then administered. and has returned to the position which it oc cupied in 1885. The general election to-day would prove it, and the Government are awar of it. Therefore they will almost certainly hang on desperately to office and defer the abpeal to the constituencies until the latest

The only hope just now of an early general lection is in parliamentary tactics. Mr. Gladstone is an astule tactician. He proved last night that his powers are increasing rathe than failing, and it is not at all impossible tha he may be able to hurry the Government out of their political lives before the end of the present session. It is sincerely to be hoped

that he may.

The result of the Edinburgh election tolight will give him increased encouragement. Buchanan, who went wrong on the Irish ques tion and was elected in 1886 as a Unionist, was converted again to home rule, and, like a man, resigned his seat and sought reflection as a Gladstonian Home Ruler. He has been re turned to Parliament by a bigger vote than he

polled in 1885. Mr. Chief Secretary Ballour has been in London all this week, but he has kept the telegraph wires busy, and has allowed the Dublin Castle fficials no rest. The imprisonments have been about up to the average in number and quality, with the customary proportion of priests, members of Parliament, and peasants. The only novelty was presented to-day in the arrest of an Englishman, Mr. Lloyd, who was sent over to Ireland by the London Anti-Coercio Committee to see what is going on there and tell his fellow workmen in England on his return. Several members of the committee have promptly volunteered to take Lloyd's place.

Europe has not troubled much about the war scare this week, chiefly because there has been an unusual lack of alarming rumors. An effort was made early in the week to elevate Monsiaur Flourens's speech at Briancon to the place of dignity vacated by the Austro-Bun-garian freety squabble, but without much suc-cess, for it soon became evident that his blood and giory remarks were only to be regarded in a Pickwickian sense. The movements of Russian troops in frontier districts appear to have been stopped by the fearful weather which has prevailed throughout central Europe, and terrible reports have been in circulation respecting the sufferings of the wretched soldiers the Cear. Tens of thousands of them are housed in miserable wooden shantles, which are not

even snow proof. There is again talk of a European conference for the purpose of finally settling little Prince
Fordinand's fate, but the probabilities point to
ness started for the south of France on the Bulgarian difficulty, which will not require to be prefaced by diplomatic solemnities. In England there is increasing belief that Lord Salisbury has succumbed to Bismarck's wiles and has involved the country in responsibilities which Englishmen, in these degenerate days, are curiously shy of assuming. Under Secre tary Ferguson has been closely questioned in the House of Commons, but has replied so am-biguously that an amendment to the address is to be moved, calling upon the Government to keep clear of foreign entanglements. Should the Liberals return to power or have their own way now, England will, in the event of a Euronified, part of looking on until the chief com-batants are exhausted, and then stepping in and making an honest penny by the deal.

Turkey's financial difficulties are becomin

vorse every week. The Sultan has been urged to cut down diplomatic salaries, but as they ave not been paid for mouths, the immediate saving appears somewhat shadowy. Herr Mauser, to whom his Majesty so blithely gave an order last month for 500,000 rifles of the newest designs, has supplied only 200 as samples, and declines to commence the stipu lated delivery of 500 daily until he has received a substantial sum on account. The Sultan, it appears, has at present only about 175,000 men with the colors, but he consoles himself with the thought that in a few weeks he could have under arms 700,000 men, provided he could ob

tain weapons wherewith to arm them. The reports from San Remo have fluctuated daily. According to the official bulletins the Crown Prince is progressing satisfactorily, but Europe refuses to believe poor Fritz is out of danger, when they see Sir Morell Mackenzie remaining in constant attendance, deaf to the entreaties of his hundreds of aristocratic patients in England to come back and look after them. As I write the news comes from San Remo that fresh and perplexing symptoms are beginning to appear, and that another and much more serious operation may be neces-sary. Your correspondent at Munich sends a pitiful story concerning Otto, the poor mad King of Bavaria. He is slowly dying, locked up in the solitary Castle of Furstenried, and the firm conviction of many Bavarian peasants is that Prince Luitpold, the Regent who, they wow, killed their mad King's mad brother and predecessor. Ludwig, is now slowly killing the present King, after whose death the throne will revert to Prince Luitpold's family. Be that romantic part of the story as it may, it is certain that the troubles of the poor young King will soon be ended. He has abandoned his favorite pastime of poelshandoned his lavorite pastime of poel-ing potatoes, and passes his days at the window of the castle, slapping his nands against the glass, unconscious of what is going on about him. Frequently the un-happy King, alarmed at some fancy of his shattered brain, crouches down in some dark corner and remains hidden for days at a time. Several times the Queen mother, Marie of Prussis, has saked to see him, but the doctors would not allow it. Finally a few days ago permission was granted, and she arrived at the castle with an attendant of the palace and a doctor. Her son failed to recognize her, and Erkennst du mich nicht ?" the poor King began

nition. The mother returned disconsolate to Munich, and will probably never again see her son alive. Prince Luitpoid's son, who will succeed to the throne, is a striking contrast to the later whom

ran away to hide, but without a sign of recog-

death will make him King. He is a manly THE FUGITIVE MURDERER

young chap, not pretentious, as are the younger members of the Hohenzollern family, and he has just astonished Bayaria by his ability as a aker, displayed in defending the project of law for the improvement of Bavarian agricul-ture, and of which he is the author. Luitpold, the Prince Regent, is a man of unusual ability. and, by the way, as the heir of the Stuarts. would be the rightful King of England should that family by any accident be restored to the throne.

I sent ten days ago an account of the Prince of Walea's conduct at the first night of Mrs. Bernard Beere's new play. The real and simple explanation of the affair was that the horse be longing to the Prince had won a race and the enthusiasm of that victory combined with too elaborate dining had overcome the Prince. Since then numerous attempts have been made by servile society papers to put the rude and utrageous conduct of his Royal Highness in a praiseworthy light. One paper informs us that the performance, declined to listen to it, and turned for conversation and amusement to the sempants of his own box, with whom he proeded to have a good time in royal fashion. Another society writer solemnly declared that he happens to know that the lady in the royal box was very deaf indeed, and 'that 'his Royal Highness had to choose between being absolutely silent and talking very audibly. To the ordinary man, however, the presence of a deaf lady does not account for the boisterous laughter, and for the fat, round body of the Prince tilting out over the edge of the box at jerky intervals. Still another writer serves, with unconscious satire, that it is hard if royalty, which is responsible for the appearance of more than one beautiful amateur on the stage cannot on occasions be allowed to damn a bad play if so inclined. The entire chorus of servile scribes join in tamning the play and practically in casting the blame of the whole disgraceful affair on the one who suffered most from it. Mrs. Bernard Beere. The Prince, however, consoled by the thought that be cannot possibly lose either' his social position, or situation as heir to the throne, Is not much interested in what has been said about him, or in the excuses made by his apologists. Just now he is having a grand and hilarious time in the south of France fighting with flowers and improving his nealth with long drives between Monte Carlo and Nice, and then injuring his health again with long dinners afterward which the inhabitants of Cannes have been organizing for him

nost industriously.

Just before the Prince left for the Riviera he proved how useful he might really make him-self in a social way if he chose. He had been invited to an At Home, and upon having a list of guests submitted by his hostess, as is customary in such cases, he passed his pencil through the names of three invited ladies. When asked by the hostess the reason of his bjection, he replied:
"My dear madam, I cannot explain. Ask

your husband. He should not have permitted you to know such people."

The Prince's intimate knowledge of society candals would enable him to do a great deal improve the moral atmosphere of London irswingrooms if he felt so inclined, but, unfortunately, that isn't always the end he has in view. I know a case in which having accepted an invitation to

dine at the house of a wealthy American he ted that a name should be added to the list of invited guests which would have been so notoriously out of place that the hostess re-fused, even at the risk of offending her royal riend. The Prince, it is only fair to add, was too sensible and too good natured to show any

Americans who complain of the travelling ecommodation in this country would change their minds as to the ability of Englishmen to be really comfortable when they undertake the task. The special car built by the Southeastern railway for the Prince of fifty long with a handsomely furnished saloon study fitted up with carefully selected books, two bedrooms, a dressing room, and a bathroom. One bedroom is upholstered in old gold silk, is lighted by electricity, and has exquisitely The Prince never falls to express his grief at France, giving up this luxurious way of tray elling for a compartment in one of the misnamed trains of luxury that take one to the

This Prince may receive John L. Sullivan and be patted on the back by that champion and although his mother may fume nothing can be done about it. But a lady of the court has found to her cost that others cannot with the same impunity express interest in the prize ring. Some days ago she ded a performance of "Frankenstein" and afterward at Osborne, expressed great de-light at the travesty of the Smith-Kilrain fight which is introduced into the piece. In the course of her remarks she showed an indis creet knowledge of the prize ring, and it is asserted that she is now in complete disgrace. Mr. Howell, M. P., intends on Monday next o ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether his attention has been called to the sudden outbroak and rapid increase of pugilism recently, and, in short, what he inpuglism recently, and. In anort, what he intends to do about it. If he replies frankly Mr Matthews will probably answer that he will get to fights if such a thing is possible, and that in any case he will look out for newspapers containing the best reports. Mr. Howell expresses the hope that proceedings will be taken against newspapers which publish reports of these noble meetings, but he will probably be disappointed. The coming season of sport promises to be a most brilliant one. A half million pounds are to be expended on the turf in stakes alone Unfortunately, long-distance races are but poorly endowed, and a disproportionate share, of moneyfalls to races for two-year-old events. These are not calculated to forward the real interests of future sport, as many excellent younsters are ruined in the forcing process who succeed disappear immediately sterward. Friar's Balsam continues to be a hot favorite in the quotations for the Derby. He maintains his place at two to one against, but it is hard to understand, in view of the fate of the last Derby race, how any one can be found to bet at such odds almost three months in advance of the race.

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Two rumors have come to startle the boxing world this week. One, which sounds very credible and spread quickly about clubs, was that Sulliyan and Mitchell had fought in private, and that Mitchell had been knocked out in four rounds. Another quite as absurd which gained currency was that Mitchell had won, after fighting twenty-two rounds. There was not the slightest axcuse for either report. Both men are at their quarters and training. There is no betting, as of course no one can be found to bet sgainst Sullivan. The final stake money will not be put up until March I, and the fight will come of shortly afterward that is if Mitchell does not change his mind and refuse to come up and be knocked out. The Queen and Sullivan are now both at Windsor, and there is no doubt that her Majesty has had the opportunity of admiring the proportions of the finast man who ever landed in her country. Sullivan each morning kloks a football up and down the long walk leading from the castle through the park, and the Queen's favorite sitting room, in which her mornings are shent, looks out upon the walk and upon the great and only John L.

Wheat has again had a dull week. The quotations, however, continue firm on indications of a tiemand from the south of France and Italy, and the opinion generally prevails that nrices have touched their lowest. Corn opened steady but closed dull, with very small demand, operators anticipating that offers from the States will soon he pressed here.

On the Stock Exchange Americans, which had been dull and stund all the week. Improved yesterday on the resorted termination of the Bestding strike, and this being confirmed to the first will an advance in prices in the first will now the instance in prices in

TASCOTT WAS THE FIRST TO TELL THE

NEWS OF HIS GREAT CRIME. He Telephoned to the Reporters that a Man Had Been Killed-Seen in Newspa-per Offices After the Tragedy-His Flight -Confession of Taxeett's Accomplice,

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.-William B. Tascott, the twenty-one-year-old murderer of Millionaire Amos J. Snell, has led a wild life. His father gave him money and a home, but he che wander about the country. Quick at figures and bright with the pen the young man made many friends among professional men. Two before the tragedy Tascott was a familiar figure about the newspaper offices and the reporters' room at Central Police Station. His special articles in the Times attracted considerable attention. Among the night police reporters whom Tascott met at Central Station were Houseman of the Inter-Ocean and Allen of the News. His attachment to Houseman was especially pronounced. It was Tascott's boast that he was to succeed the Inter-Ocean man as police reporter when the latter should take the marine desk in the office.

At 2:12 o'clock on Wednesday morning, Feb. the telephone bell in the reporters' room rang at a furious rate. Reporter Thompson of the Herald responded to the slarm. The man at the other end of the wire asked for Houseman, who was absent. Then Allen was summoned. Thompson feigned the News reporter's voice and asked if there was any news. This message then came over the wire:

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"A man has just been shot in a hallway on Washington boulevard. He died filteen minutes later."

Connection between the mysterious informer and the reporter was cut off the next instant, and, although all the reporters made frantic elloris to run down the source of the startling information, they met with no success. Police statious and hospitals, in reply to the repeated calls of the news gatherers, said that they had not heard of the murder. The message was then looked upon as a heaz.

Half as hour later Houseman returned to the reporter's room, and at 6 o'clock the dead body of the millionaire was found. Tascott was the mysterious fultormer. This has been settled beyond all doubt, for the drugglest who permitted him to send the message is known by the police. The murderer was evidently scared.

The cries of the servants led him to believe that the millionaire had been found, and in his fright it is believed that he alarmed the reporters in order that help might be summoned, and the life of the old man spared if possible.

Tascott must have passed a miserable day on Wednesday. When he reached his boarding house he was greatly agitated. The cook stove incident showed that be was then removing the evidences of his guilt. At a later hour in the morning he visited Jennie Clifford, his mistress, who lives on Curtis street. His eyes were then red and swollen. He told the woman that he was in a bad scrape, and, at the point of a revolver, demanded \$20. She gave him the money, and then Tascott tossed a bundle of papers into her lap, and said he was going away. These papers were stolen from the safe. The pearl-handled revolver which he thrust into the woman's face, and the heavy blackbarrelled derringer which he carried in his pocket, were the wespons he undoubtedly used when old man Shell came upon him.

Tascott entered the Heraid office at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the day of the murder. He left a small satchel in the hallway while he stepped into the elyrooms. The city editor was the only member of the staff pa

left the office, but before he left he enjoyed the peculiar sensation of having a reporter inform Mr. Taylor that a reward of \$10,000 was about to be offered for the capture of the assassin.

Taxcotts movements from this time are not so clear. He was seen at the Galt House about 7 o'clock, and at a later hour he mingled with the night reporters in the Central Police Station. It is now thought that he took the 11:30 o'clock express on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad. He has been traced to the deput of this road and it is the theory of the police that, after riding a few miles out of the city on the fast express, he alighted at one of the many junctions near the Indiana State line and boarded a train going in an opposite direction.

Tascott's inmines and bits are at the Central Station. He carried them in a small highly poilshed yellow box, which looks like a surgeon's case. The tools were made for the murderer, and bear his monogram. They were found in his room by the police. A 1%-inch immy in the case fits the dents in the parior decors in the Snell residence, and the augers are the ones that bored the holes in the panels of the kitchen door.

The manner in which Tascott entered the Cirris street house where his mistress, Jennie Cilfford, lives, shows the desperation of the man. Having no key to the house, the murderer, with his case of tools at 1th building, immied open the rear collection. On the Sunday who was then in bed, to direct him to the Cilfford woman's room.

On the Sunday preceding the murder Tascott, who used to run one of the elevators in the Painer House, entered the big hotel with the mysterious yellow box under his arm. The cashler saked him what he had in the case. Tascott said that the box contained surveying instruments, and that he had inst finished surveying property at La Saile and Madison streets. During the conversation the murderer is President of the Tast to-day: "While it is also showed the eashier two revolvers.

Col. J. M. Tascott, the fath that Manufacturing Company. that are son killed Mr. Snell, I am sure he is in some bad scrape. He has been a wayward boy all his life, and if he is railty of the crime the law must take its course. We shall not attempt to prove an allib, for we never knew where William spent his nights."

The disreputable woman. Jeanie Cilfford, is the person who gave Tascott away to the poilee. Tascott had talked in his sleep, and not only had told his real name in his muterings a night or two before the traged, but frequently made reference with oaths to do did Snell, and gave inklings of a still more horrible purpose than the robbery and jossible killing of the law while his manner had been him the police. The sould have he would plunder the family residence. Loves you had not be robbe

the prisoner.

TERRY HAUTE, Feb. 18.—A man answering to the description of Tascott arrived in this city to-day. When the Chicago newspapers containing the picture of the nurderer came the disracon the man mysteriously discopeared.

WORSE THAN THE CRACKED CEILING. Defect that May Necessitate the Rebuild-ALBANY, Feb. 18 .- In putting up the prope

to hold up the stone ceiling of the Assembly chamber some defects in construction have een discovered that may require the rebuilding of not only the ceiling but the who er. There are four main columns in the champer that hold up the arches and galleries, and ndirectly, the roof and top story. They are about fifty feet spart, fully a yard in diameter. and over forty feet high. Each column rests on carved marble pedestal. When the flooring about the southeast

column was torn up to put in the props and the

masonry support was exposed, it was discov-

ered that the stone column only partly rested

on the masonry: that is, the masonry support did not squarely meet the column, and the floor had been built over to hide the defect. Besides this, the masonry support is not big enough, and instead of the weight of the ceiling, roof, pillars, and galleries being supported on masonry built straight from the ground, they rested partly on masonry, partly on air, and partly on the ceiling of the library.

A change of the strain of the ceiling, a crowding of the unused floor above, or an alteration in the pressure arising from the settling of the building might here, by swaying the pillar just a trifle, cause that part of the wing to topple. The building mas settled several inches in places, and the ceiling has settled as much as four and half inches. A like change in the pillar would have let the Assembly through to the ceilar, which would have been unfortunate for the future political careers of many possible great men. on the masonry: that is, the masonry support

great men.

Whether the ceiling is taken down or not, this pillar may fall, and, though three legs occasionally hold up a four-legged chair, it isn't likely that three pil ars will hold up a few hundred tons of stone and fron that were intended to be held up by four columns. It may be necessary to build an additional masoury support under the part of the pedestal that is supported by Albany air.

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Albany air is pretty good, much better than Albany water, but it will not hold up a gallery or an iron and stone roc!. Except for this discovery, which was not made until after the Legislature adjourned, the work of propping up the ceiling would have been finished in a few days. The work is being crudely done, because there is not time enough to do it in any other way.

### BURGLARS OVERHAULED.

Breeklyn Police Capture Oce of the Can who Camped Out in a Port Jervis House. Police Superintendent Campbell of Brooklyn yesterday received a despatch from the Chief of Police of Port Jervis, requesting him to detain at Stratton's storage warehouse at 88 Myrtle avenue three big packages which had been shipped there from Port Jervison Feb. 4, 6, and 16 respectively, and addressed to Mr. E. North. A similar request was made in reference to a trunk addressed to the same person and sent to the house of Mrs. Mary A. Patterson at 133 Tenth street. Inspector Beilly's detectives found the packages still at the storage warehouse in Myrtie avenue, and each bore a tag with the name Mr. E. North. At the South Brooklyn house not only the trunk, but also Mr. North was found. The trunk was levied on, and North, who is about 50 years of are, placed under arrest.

The trunk is packed full of sliverware and other articles, and the bags with clothing of all kinds, all of which are the proceeds of a big burglary at the house of Dr. Wickham, at Port Jervis.

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Inspector Reilly notified the Port Jervis police of the action taken, and Detective Martin came to Brooklyn last night to assist in the arrest of other members of the gang, who are supposed to be in that city.

PORT JERVIS, Feb. 18.—It was discovered this morning that burglars had visited the residence of Dr. Wickham, who is in Florida. Mrs. Wickham is also absent, spending the winter in New York. Druggist Piercs, whose store is on the first floer of the Wickham house, has recently heard strange noises coming from the roome overhead, and notified Mrs. Wickham, who sent hor sister up here last night. An examination showed that nearly everything remaining in the house had been packed up for removal, while bedding, mattresses, and other goods had disappeared. A keg containing twenty-five pounds of powder was found in the house, indicating that the burglars intended to fire and blow up the building when the robbery had been completed. A man anamed Trelease, who was formerly in Dr. Wickham's employ, and a cousin named Jillson have been arrested, but there is little evidence pointing to their guilt.

### HE HAS HIS CHESTNUT AFTER ALL. Mundy May be Insane, but he's Married the The case of Nathan Barrett Mundy, the

wealthy resident of West Brighton, Staten Island, who was committed to the Middletown asylum on the motion of the trustees of the estate under his father's will, some months ago when he was about to marry Mrs. Chestnut, a pretty widow, employed as ticket seller at the pretty widow, employed as ticket seller at the railroad office at West Brighton. was again before Justice Bartlett in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn yesterday. When Mundy was brought before Justice Bartlett a few weeks ago on habeas corpus proceedings instituted by Mrs. Laura Mundy, his stepmother, evidence was presented to show that he was perfectly capable of managing his own affairs. His stepmother declared that she was perfectly willing to take him home and care for him, but no reference was made to his latended marriage, though the pretty widow to whom he was said to be engaged was one of the most interested spectators in the court room. Justice Bartlett refused to order Mundy's release from the asylum, but referred the case to a jury.

The matter came up yesterday on a motion to approve the findings of the jury, which was to the effect that Mundy was insane, and for the appointment of a custodian of his person and estate. Lawyer Post, who had claimed in the habeas corpus proceedings that Mundy should be released, surprised the Court by stating that there had been an agreement between him and the lawyers on the other side that the jury should find Mr. Mundy insane, and that his wife, the former Mrs. Chestnut, should be his custodian.

Lawyer Ransom, for the trustees of the estate, and that the proposition came from the other side. Justice Bartlett expressed his surprise at the development, saying that no suggestion had been made in the trial that Mr. Mundy had married although he had expressed anxiety to get married.

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Justice Bartlett said that it he was really married his wife would be the proper person to be his custodian, but he reserved his decision in the matter. INVESTIGATORS OF TRUSTS.

The Senators Expect to Tackle the Sugar Trust on Monday. The Senate Committee on General Laws held in room 9 at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday several "preliminary" sessions of the investigation of trusts and monopolies which it is undertaking pursuant to the Ives resolu-

ti is undertaking pursuant to the Ives resolutions. A sub-committee secured room 2 of the
Superior Court in the County Court House for
the sessions of the committee. Another subcommittee is considering the engagement of
counsel. As all the committeemen are lawyers,
counsel may not be employed, but Roger A.
Pryor, Roscoe Conkling. James C. Carter, and
Clarence A. Seward have been talked of. The
committee adjourned to meet at 2 P. M. on
Monday.

The committee has to report to the Senate by
March 1, and Senator Ives, the father of the
investigation, says that no extension of time
will be asked for. The committee will have to
hold night sessions if it means to report by
March 1. The Ropublican mujority of the committee is said not to be anxious to double quick
things. The committee may, however, hold an
important session to-day, and decide the matter of counsel. It is supposed that the sugar
trust will be first investigated.

In Atd of the Homespathic Hospital. The Ladies' Association in aid of the Homopopathic College and Free Hospital will

will celebrate his 55th birthday on Monday. His countrymen, the Chinese merchants in Mott street, have subscribed liberally toward a grand dinner to be given in his honor in the Chinese municipal council rooms at 10 Chatham

hold a fair in the Second Battery Armory Broadway and Fifty-second street, during the week beginning April 2. A site for the bospital has been secured, and the processis of the full will be devoted to the building fund, sirra William Tod Helmuth is President of the Ladies' Association. Chin Yen Hoon's Birthday. The Chinese Minister, Mr. Chin Yen Hoon,

SIMON MAYER A SUICIDIL

Insanity Ron in His Family, and Undonbi edly Caused Him to Shoot Himself As the passengers on the Staten Island ferryboat Southfield were leaving the boat at St. George at 11:55 yesterday morning there was heard the explosion of a pistol in an upper cabin, and Pilot James Coles discovered in the cabin, in front of a large mirror, the body of a man who had just breathed his last. He had fallen toward the mirror, bespattering it with his blood. A revolver, which was new, had fallen upon the floor beside him. The body was

his blood. A revolver, which was new, had fallen upon the floor beaide him. The body was removed from the boat to Coroner Hughes's undertaking rooms in Ciliton.

The suicide was well dressed and a fine appearing man. He had one giase eye. He wore a gold watch and chain with a charm, upon which was the monogram "S. M." There were the same initials upon some handkerchiets and the flap of his shirt. In his pocket were three pairs of spectacles, some ferry tickets, several keys, and a tin box, in which was a good one, was the label of Henry Schwinn, Newark, N. J.

Mr. Schwinn, whose place of business is at 244 Market street, in Newark, told a reporter of The Sux that the suicide was probably Simon Mayer, a wine dealer, of 141 Market street. At that place the clerk said that Mayer had stuck his head in at the door at 7 o'clock in the morning, but had gone away without saying anything, and had not come back yet. From the reporter's despription, he at once identified the suicide as Mr. Mayer.

Charles A. Lehmann, who owns a hotel near Mayer's place, was his financial backer, said that idd not surprise him in the least that Mnyer had committed suicide. He had been complaining for several days of a pain in his head, and had acted very strangely. Mayer, he said, had once been wealthy, owning the State Banking Company's building at Market and Halsey streets, but had disposed of it at a loss of \$38,000. His two brothers, Max and Moritz, and one sister, had died in an insane asylum in this country. Mayer was 61 years old, and never married, because, he confessed to his friends, he was afraid that in case he had children they would be weak minded. He lived in apartments below the opera house on Market street, and opposite his wine cellar. He was born in Neustadt, Germany.

black and poker dice. A dozen policemen guarded the rear door, while the Captain and eighteen assistants attacked the front. A stalwart cop broke down the door with an axe. The gamblers filled two spacious rooms, No-body tried to escape. There wasn't much

chance.

Frank Stevenson was among the hapless 71 who were lodged in the Mercer street station. The raid caused a jam of colored folks in Bleecker street for over an hour. The proprietor of the place was not identified last night, but he is doubtless among the prisoners.

## A DOZEN FIREMEN HURT.

A Small Fire in New Brunswick Leads to Various Serious Accidents.

NEW BRUNSWICK, Feb. 18.—Fire this afternoon in the furniture store of Henry Tenbrocck on Burnett street, led to the serious injury of four firemen, one of whom may die of his wounds. Eight or ten others were badly hurt. Mr. Tenbroeck went into the fire to secure some property and was also soverely burned. One of the injured firemen. Charles Greenwald, was crushed under a failing ladder, being injured internally and having both legs broken. It is feared to-night that he cannot recover. J. V. C. Gowan had a leg broken. Wyckoff Voorhees had an arm broken in a collision between two engines, and Isaac Barton and William and John Faulkner were internally injured. When the firemen was nearly under control the shed at the front of the furniture store fell, and eight firemen who were on it were tossed in all directions and buried under the debris. Among those more severely hurt were James Earl, Aaron Oram, Simon Dunn, and John Donnelly. Chief of Department Jacques fell from the building, but escaped with alight bruises. Mr. Tenbroeck went into the fire to secure some

## Views of Republican Editors.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 18. - The Evening Joural to-night publishes statements from thirtysix of the leading Republican country editors of the State on the Presidential, tariff, and other political views in their sections. A reother political views in their sections. A re-capitulation shows that the Republicans of the State are almost unanimously in favor of an intelligent reduction of the tariff on the neces-sities of life, such as iron, coal, lumber, and salt, and a maintenance of a high tariff on uxaries. There is a strong undercurrent against Blaine, partially on the ground of his tariff views, and partially because they think the caunot carry the party to victory. The Presidential preferences, with Blaine out of the field, are Gresham. Sherman, Lincoln, and Allison, in the order of their strength.

## Cleveland May Decilar,

Boston, Feb. 18 .- The Record's Washington correspondent writes: "'There is only one letter which would be likely to create as much stir as Mr. Blaine's letter of withdrawal, and that would be Mr. Cleveland's declaration of his decision to not accept a renomination. This is a quotation from an ardent young ad-mirer and supporter of the present Adminis-tration. The hints that such a letter might come before the June bug are increasing."

# Depew the Pavorite.

CANANDAIGUA, Feb. 18 .- While it is pretended by many Republicans here that the Piorence letter is a disappointment, the alacrity with which they declare for Depow indi-cates that it is not regretted to any great ex-tent. The great after-dinner orator is the favorite in this Concress district. His boom is solid and has come to stay. The Geneva Ga-zette, the leading Democratic paper of the county, favors the nomination of Gov. Hill for President.

Cieveland and the Pension Bill. MINNEAPOLIS. Feb. 18 .- Commander-in Chief Res of the Grand Army returned to-day. land impressed him with the fact that he would sign the Grand Army Pension bill this time, although he asked and received no promises. He says his conversation with President Cleve

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SOME OF THE MINERS KICK.

THE MORE RADICAL OF THEM RE-FURE TO RETURN TO WORK.

Those in the Mt. Carmel District Repudints
Master Workman Lewis's Order-Lower
Coal Prices at Tidewater Looked for.

READING, Feb. 18 .- All telegrams from the coal regions to-night indicate great dissatisfaction among the Reading Company's miners, and the general opinion is that they will not return to work on Monday. The joint strike committee, after being in session all day in Pottsville, adjourned, not having endorsed the order directing the miners to return to work. A majority are in favor of having the miners remain out, or, at least, of submitting the question to the miners at their meetings tomorrow, which are to be held all over the coal regions wherever local assemblies are located.

Master Workman Lewis made a long speech at Mahanoy City to-night, urging the miners to go to work on Monday. E. F. Brennan of the joint committee followed in an impassioned address, appealing to the men not to go to work. Brennan represents that portion of the committee not in favor of resuming. The miners about Shenandoah are greatly displeased with Master Workman Lewis's order to go back to work. The men expected him there to-night to make an address, but he did not ap-pear. The sentiment here is opposed to resumption. The same feeling prevails in many other places, and the opinion is general that the miners to-morrow will vote against resumption, at least until after the Congressional

simplianting for several days of a bain in his head, and had acted very strangely, Mayer, he said, had once been wealthy, owning the State and the control of the places and the opinion is general sheat, and had acted very strangely, Mayer, he said, had once been wealthy, owning the State of \$35,000. His two brothers, Max and Moritz, and one siter, had died in an insane agriund in over married. Decause, he confessed to his friends, he was grind that in case he had child in the state of the was agrid that in case he had child in the state of the control of the state of the control of the state of t next. The adjustment of the Reading's troubles will have no effect whatever upon the wage question in the Lackawanna and Wyoming regions. A number of leading members of the Knights here have been busy for the past two days preparing facts and figures to be laid before the Congressional committee on their arrival here next week. They will show the actual cost of mining and shipping coal and the rates of wages paid to all classes of employees.

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SHENANDOAH, Feb. 18.—The news of the ordering off of the strike gave great satisfaction to the majority of miners here. There is a small portion of them dissatisfied, but they are believed to be in a hopeless minority. The streets were thronged all day with minority descussing the question, and their general views were that Master Workman Lewis had done the best thing possible under the circumstances.

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A call was issued for a meeting of the men at 3 P. M.. to hear Mr. Lewis's explanation and vote on the order to resume work. He failed to connect, however, as he did also at 7 o'clock this evening, having changed his route and gone to Mahanoy City first. He will be here tomorrow at 1 P. M., for which hour a meeting is called at the Opera House. It will take two or three days of next week to put the mines in shape for a general resumption, so that not much work can be done next week in any event.

Portsville. Feb. 18.—The general joy over the announcement of the termination of the miners' strike is somewhat marred by a lingering apprehension that perhaps, after all, the end is not yet. There was considerable dissatisfaction among a portion of the miners over the summary action of Master Workman Lewis, and rumors are affoat that the acquiescence in it on the part of the men will by no means be universal. The striking railroaders were furfously indignant over what they denounced as an unprincipled betrayal, and they and their leaders will do all in their power to neutralize the Corbin-Lewis agreement and frustrate the order for resumption. A largely attanded meeting of local Assembly 7.889 was held in this city to-day, at which by a unanimous vote the action of Master Workman Lewis was vigorously denounced. The joint committee was in session all day, and the members admit that the action of Lewis was not approved. A subcommittee held an interview with Superintendent Whiting this afternoon, which is said not to have been satisfactory in its results.

The whistles of all the Reading collieries will be blown on Monday morning, and in cases where the men turn out in sufficint numbers work will be resumed. It is freely alaimed, however, by the dissatisfied leaders that "south of Broad Mountain" there will be nothing like a general resumption. A largely attended more the ment there shal

they will again be able to support themselves by their own resources.

ELIZABETH. Feb. 18.—The Reading strikers at Elizabethport are much depressed over the news that the miners have been ordered back to work. The coal bandlers here now fully realize that they are left out in the cold. They number 180, and there is no disguising the fact that the families of many of them sufer for want of the necessaries of life. Orders have been received at the Reading office on the coal dooks to get ready to resume operations next week with a full force of non-unton men. None of the old hands will be taken back.

Billy Maloney Goes to England. HALIPAX, N. S., Feb. 18.—Billy Maloney, Clerk of the New York Boodle Aldermanie Board, sailed by the steamer Vancouver to-day for Liverpool. He was accompanied by his 15-year-old son. The rest of the family will re-main in Montreal.

Gov. Hill's Callers.

Unless he changes his intention in the mean time Gov. Hill will take the 856 train to-night for Albany. Among his visitors at the Hoffman House yesterday were the Lev. Dr. T. Dewitt Tellmage, Dr. Hodiynn, and P. T. Wall of the Young Men's Christian Association.

By an unfortunate error, which does not often occur in this office, the concluding portion of Mrs. Lew Wal-lace's letter on the "Grand Turk's Harem," on another page of Tru Sur this morning, has been appended to an article entitled "A Day in Trinity Church," and the proper conclusion of the last-named article appearant the and of Mrs. Welladon Sugar.